

AN ACT

relating to a study of out-of-state physicians who practiced in this state during the COVID-19 pandemic.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. DEFINITION. In this Act, "board" means the Texas Medical Board.

SECTION 2. STUDY. (a) The board shall conduct a study regarding out-of-state physicians who practiced medicine in this state during the COVID-19 pandemic pursuant to board rules providing for the waiver of licensing requirements during disasters and emergencies.

(b) In conducting the study, the board shall solicit and consider information from hospitals and sponsoring physicians in this state, as applicable, regarding the performance of a physician described by Subsection (a) of this section.

SECTION 3. REPORT. Not later than December 1, 2022, the board shall submit to the governor, the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house of representatives, and each standing committee of the legislature with primary jurisdiction over the board, a written report that includes a summary of the study and any legislative recommendations based on the study.

SECTION 4. EXPIRATION. This Act expires September 1, 2023.

SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members

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1 elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas
2 Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for
3 immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 284 passed the Senate on March 25, 2021, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 284 passed the House on May 18, 2021, by the following vote: Yeas 117, Nays 20, two present not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor